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SUBJ: RHODESIA CONFERENCE: NKOMO AND MUGABE CONTINUE MEETINGS

- 1. JOSHUA NKOMO AND ROBERT MUGABE EMERGED FROM THEIR LENGTHY MEETING IN THE INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL AT 6:00 PM LOCAL TIME TO TELL THE PRESS THAT THEY HAD NOT YET REACHED A DECISION ON RICHARD'S LATEST OFFER.
- 2. MUGABE SAID THAT "WE HAVE NOT FORMULATED OUR STAND YET. THERE ARE MANY OPTIONS THAT WE ARE THINKING ABOUT." HE NOTED THAT THE PATRIOTIC FRONT WOULD CERTAINLY NOT BE ABLE TO GIVE AMBASSADOR RICHARD A REPLY TODAY. NKOMO ADDED THAT TOMORROW AFTERNOON WOULD BE THE EARLIEST A REPLY COULD BE EXPECTED.
- 3. NKOMO AND MUGABE HAVE BEEN MEETING TOGETHER OR WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE DELEGATIONS FOR NEARLY TWO FULL DAYS SINCE THEIR LAST CONFERENCE WITH RICHARD IN AN ATTEMPT TO WORK OUT A JOINT POSITION ON THE INDEPENDENCE DATE ISSUE. THE LENGTHY MEETINGS AND THE ABSENCE OF A UNIFIED POSITION LENDS CREDENCE TO OTHER REPORTS WE HAVE RECEIVED OF A STRONG BATTLE OF WILLS AS NKOMO TRIES TO BRING MUGABE AROUND TO HIS POINT OF VIEW AND CONVINCE HIM TO ACCEPT RICHARD'S MOST RECENT FORMULATION.ABRAMS SECRET

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